

## Boeing Knowledge Management

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## History

- Founded in 1916 in Puget Sound, Washington
- Became a leading producer of military and commercial aircraft
- Undertook a series of strategic mergers and acquisitions to become the world's largest, most diversified aerospace company
  - Aerospace pioneers now part of the Boeing enterprise include.
    - North American Aviation
    - McDonnell Douglas
    - Rockwell International (space and defense business)
    - Hughes Space & Communications
    - Jeppesen

#### A heritage that mirrors the history of flight

## **Global Boeing**

- Customers in more than 90 countries
  - Total revenue in 2007: \$66.4 billion (41 percent from international sales)
  - 70 percent of commercial airplane revenue historically from customers outside the United States
- Manufacturing, service and technology partnerships with companies around the world
  - Contracts with 22,000 suppliers and partners globally
- Research, design and technology-development centers and programs in multiple countries
- Headquartered in Chicago, Boeing employs more than 160,000 people across the United States (49 states) and in 70 countries.
  - More than 83,800 of our people hold college degrees--including nearly 29,000 advanced degrees--in virtually every business and technical field from approximately 2,800 colleges and universities worldwide.

#### Partnering worldwide for mutual growth and prosperity



# People working together as a global enterprise for aerospace leadership



#### Strategies

Run healthy core businesses Leverage strengths into new products and services

Open new frontiers

#### Core competencies

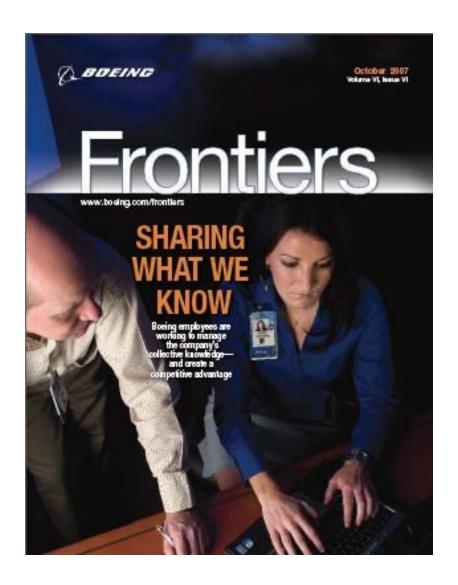
Detailed customer knowledge and focus Large-scale systems integration Lean enterprise

#### Values

Leadership Integrity

Quality
Customer satisfaction
People working together
A diverse and involved team
Good corporate citizenship
Enhancing shareholder value

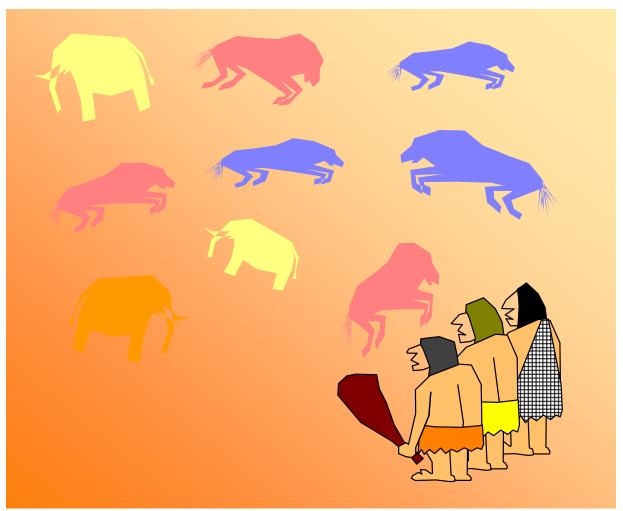
## Boeing Knowledge Management



## Communication and knowledge sharing



35,000+ years ago



What animals are in the area that we can eat?

What animals are in the area that will eat us?

## Knowledge Management

## Vision "Knowledge without Borders"

We are a borderless environment where knowledge is instantly leveraged for innovation, competitive advantage, sustainable performance, and enhanced productivity. This environment empowers an adaptable and agile workforce to rapidly respond to market drivers and anticipate customer needs.

#### **Definition**

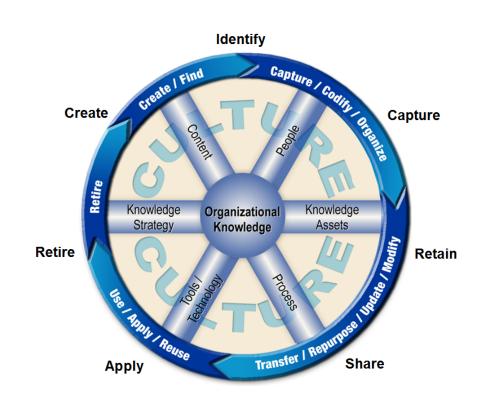
Knowledge Management is a disciplined, holistic approach to effectively utilize expertise for competitive advantage.

#### **KM Model**

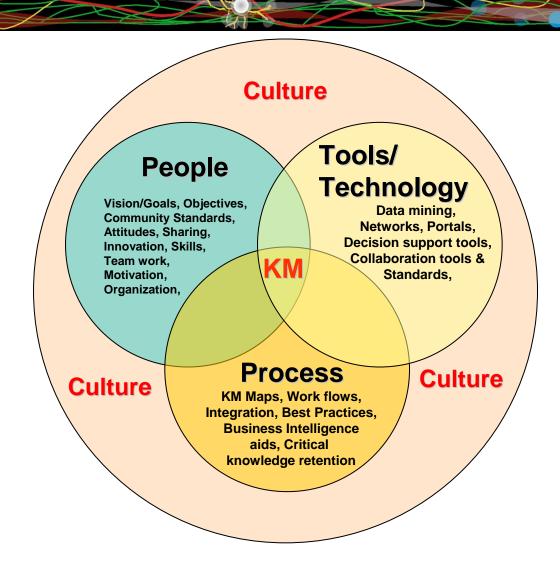


## KM Wheel

- Knowledge Management at Boeing takes a holistic approach to use knowledge for competitive advantage.
- The knowledge management model, shared by Commercial Airplanes and Integrated Defense Systems, depicts the "life cycle" of knowledge management, from knowledge creation through retirement.
- Knowledge and learning are part of a continuous cycle: The retirement of some knowledge can lead to the creation or discovery of newer, more up-to-date information.
- Organizational knowledge and culture are at the heart of a system of processes, tools, methods and techniques designed to identify, capture, retain and otherwise manage knowledge through its life cycle.



## KM is Holistic



### **Next Generation KM**

**Generation 1:** Tool Centric

Generation 2: People Centric

Next Generation: Knowledge Centric

Providing employees with superior situation awareness through context based knowledge acquisition, retrieval, and management.

The merging of Knowledge Management and Learning Management to create a self learning process based environment of adaptive processes and enabling technology that promotes a highly effective, efficient, and hyperinnovative environment.

From Information Management and Knowledge Management to Knowledge Entrepreneurship

## The Wisdom of Crowds

#### Knowledge Centric Organization/Operations

A Knowledge Centric Organization is one that organizes virtually around its critical knowledge needs and then builds useful and relevant information to fill those needs.

U.S. Navy

A knowledge based organization is one that uses its intellectual capital (people, processes, technology) to:

- Organize and share data
- Promote learning and knowledge
- Leverage its knowledge for decisive strategic advantage

U.S. Army

Moving from Network to Knowledge Centric Warfare. This next step is a transformation of network/information-centric-warfare's "Power to the Edge" to knowledge-centric warfare's "Power of the Edge".

U.S. Air Force

"The differences between the war fighter of the future and knowledge worker of the future is the choice of battle grounds and weapons. Both need unparalleled situation awareness and knowledge that automatically flows to the need."

Jim Coogan - 2006

## Why is it important to us?

- Knowledge management matters to Boeing for many reasons. Among them:
  - Retains expertise of employees who leave the company
  - Shares expertise, best practices and lessons learned across the enterprise
  - Avoids reinvention and accelerates innovation

The demand for knowledge management will only accelerate as the post—World War II "baby boom" generation looks toward retirement. The oldest members of the U.S. baby-boom generation are in their early 60s. Indeed, today 18 percent of Boeing employees are eligible to retire, while another 19 percent will be eligible in five years, and another 40 percent in 10 years, according to Boeing Human Resources.

Boeing Frontiers Magazine, October 2007

## KM Answers Many Questions

- Who has it?
- Where do they keep it?
- How do we encourage them to share it?
- How is it created?
- Who else needs it?
- How is it communicated?
- How is it kept up to date?
- How and where is it stored?
- Which knowledge is relevant, now and in the future?
- How much is it collectively worth?

- Which is the most valuable?
- Is it used in the appropriate areas/situations?
- Is knowledge shared between dissimilar domains to be applied in a different way which results in revolutionary improvements.
- What additional revenue streams can be created using existing knowledge?
- Where are areas of potential knowledge loss and how can you mitigate that loss?

Approximately 10% of what a corporation knows resides in corporate repositories.....the rest walks out the door every day.

This is knowledge contained in "gray matter" and the social networks. We refer to it as tacit knowledge.

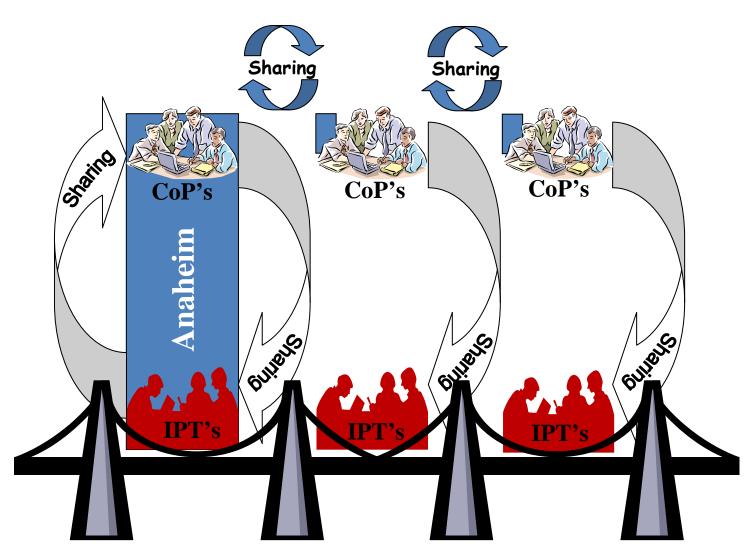
## **How We Share**

- Internal Conferences
- Share fairs
- Lunch time learning
- Storytelling
- Roundtables
- After Action Review
- Non-Advocate Reviews
- Program Reviews
- Mentoring
- Coaching
- Processes
- Job rotations
- Technical Fellowship
- White papers
- Structured knowledge capture and transfer activities
- Newsletters

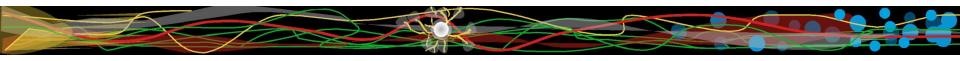
- New employee orientation process
- Communities of Practice
- Expertise locator
- One on one training
- Shared work assignments hands on
- Succession planning
- Employee involvement/KM Teams
- Embedding KM

Bridging organizational, cultural, geographical, and generational boundaries

— leveraging our combined intelligence to reach new heights



## CoP Deliverables: Tacit Knowledge (how things are really done, who knows what, etc.)



- Location of knowledge
  - where it is (link)
  - who knows it (expert))
- Intent
  - Its intended purpose
- Usefulness
  - What it's actually good for
- Usability
  - Who can use it successfully and what other things are required for successful use
- Deployment
  - How you use it
  - How specifically/generally should it be taken

- Availability
  - When it was/will be available
  - Why will it be available at that time
- Knowledge gaps
  - What's missing
  - What could be recycled, reformatted, rewritten to fill the gap
  - Who could do that; why would they

## **Boeing KM Community of Practice**



[Introduction to KM | Current Meeting | Previous Meetings | Topic Tracks]

#### The Boeing Knowledge Management Community of Practice

The KM Community of Practice - sharing and exploiting knowledge for the benefit of the Boeing Company

KM Visiblity System - add your KM activities, projects and knowledge sharing communities here

KM CoP Sharepoint

KM CoP SharePoint (new version)

Common Sense KM Blog

Knowledge Management Book of Knowledge Wiki

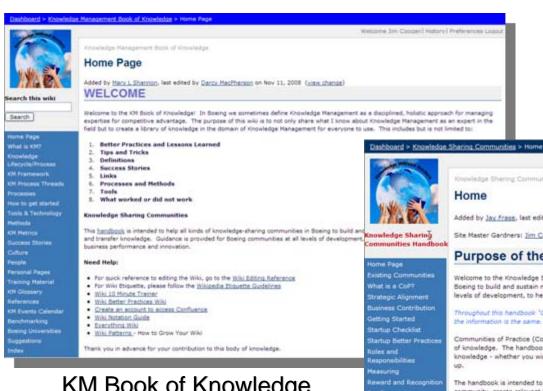
#### Objectives

The Boeing Knowledge Management Community of Practice is a voluntary group of <u>people involved in KM</u>. This site documents our findings and materials used.

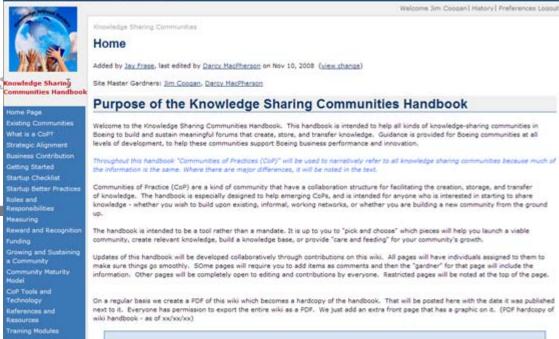
- We are a voluntary group, a community of practice, focused on sharing our knowledge with each other so that we can to take lessons back to apply to our own projects.
- We seek to increase understanding of, and promote interest in, knowledge management.
  - Long-term strategy for KM.
  - Benefits and approaches
  - Visibility, buy-in, and understanding at upper



## KM Wiki's



#### **Knowledge Sharing Communities**



We are using two different methods to allow people to collaborate on this wiki. Some pages will be restricted to the group that are

action as moderators, on these paper there will be a note on the page to post additions as comments to allow discussion and then i

O Contributing to this wiki

KSC Glossary

Manager's Guide

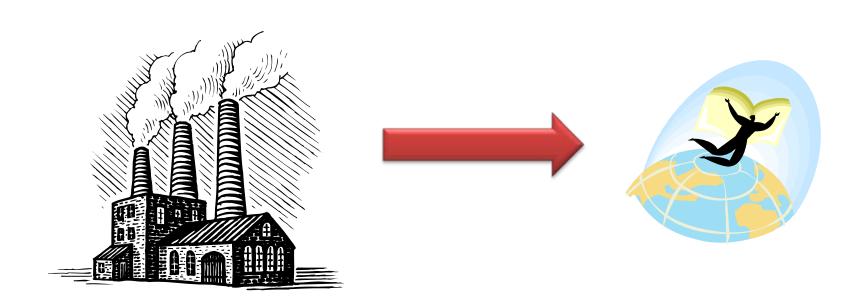
#### KM Book of Knowledge

### A New World



- In the past, Boeing wrote detailed specifications for each part and asked suppliers to build to plan
- Today, suppliers co-design airplanes from scratch and deliver complete sub-assemblies to Boeing's factory, where a single plane can be snapped together like Lego blocks, in as little as 3 days

## Manufacturing to Knowledge Centric



## Web "2.0" Phenomenon

- Web 2.0 refers to second generation Internet-based services that enable people to collaborate and share information online in new ways.
- Web 2.0 uses styles and "rich" application tools that remove clutter and improve the speed and interactivity of online resources.
- Web 2.0 combines tools and information from a number of sources to create new and interesting applications.

Join Dies 🔼 Technorati

(O'Reilly; Wikipedia)

Web 2.0 empowers users to affect the growth of the Web through participation.

## **How Millennials Communicate**





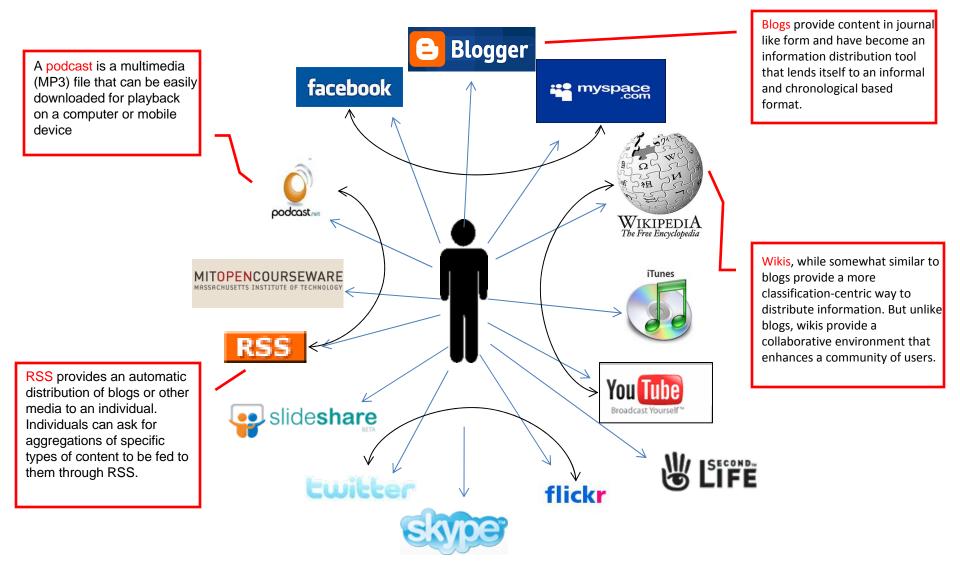
## A World in Transition

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Web 1.0 Web 2.0
                DoubleClick --> Google AdSense
                      Ofoto --> Flickr
                    Akamai --> BitTorrent
                  mp3.com --> Napster
           Britannica Online --> Wikipedia
           personal websites --> blogging
   domain name speculation --> search engine optimization
                 page views --> cost per click
                  publishing --> participation
content management systems --> wikis
      directories (taxonomy) --> tagging ("folksonomy")
                  stickiness --> syndication
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## Jim's Web Activities

Del.icio.us -----> social bookmarking Digg -----> news social bookmarking Facebook -----> social networking Flickr -----> photo sharing LinkedIn -----> relationship management/social networking Podcast -----> MP3 podcast sharing Slideshare -----> share presentations Tteach -----> interactive knowledge sharing Twitter -----> sharing what you are doing Viddyou -----> video blogging Youtube -----> video sharing Wikipedia -----> User built encyclopedia

## New Employees (and Jim)

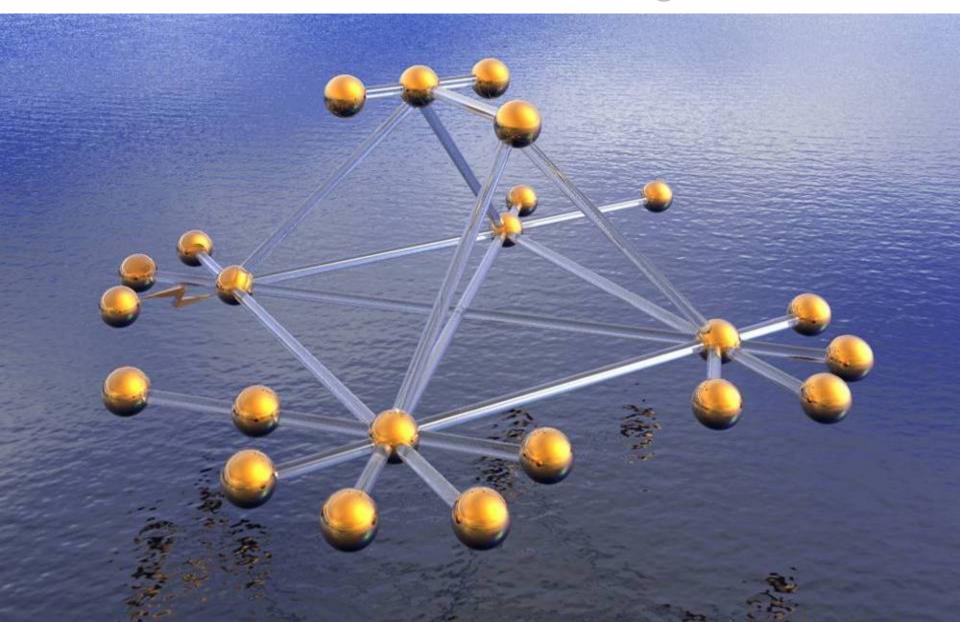


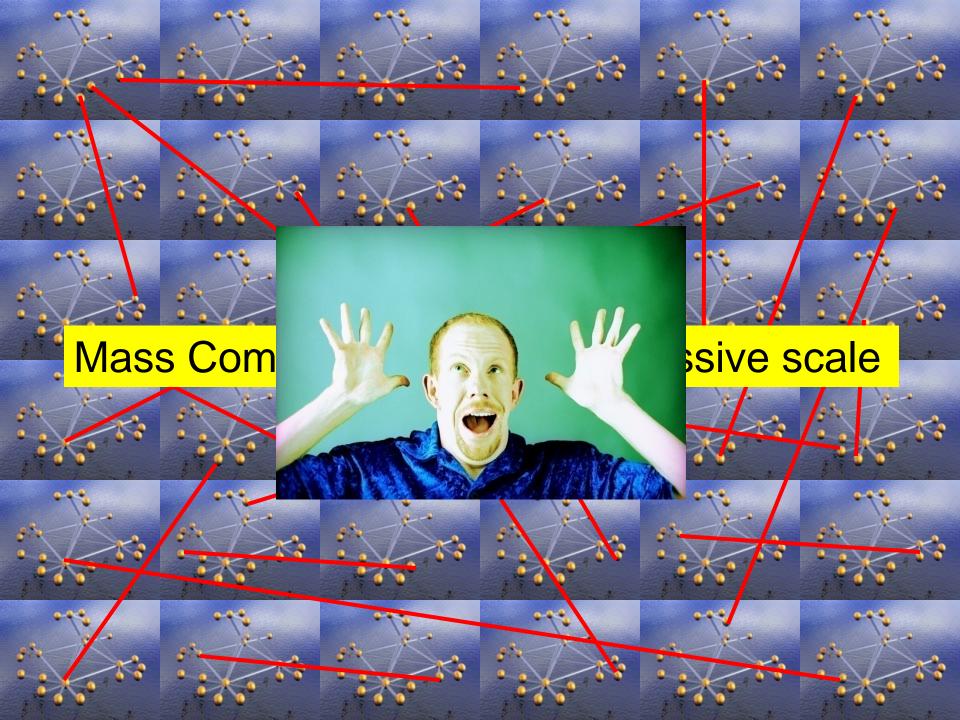
# Immersive World Technology: Brainstorm new ideas, conduct classes, innovate



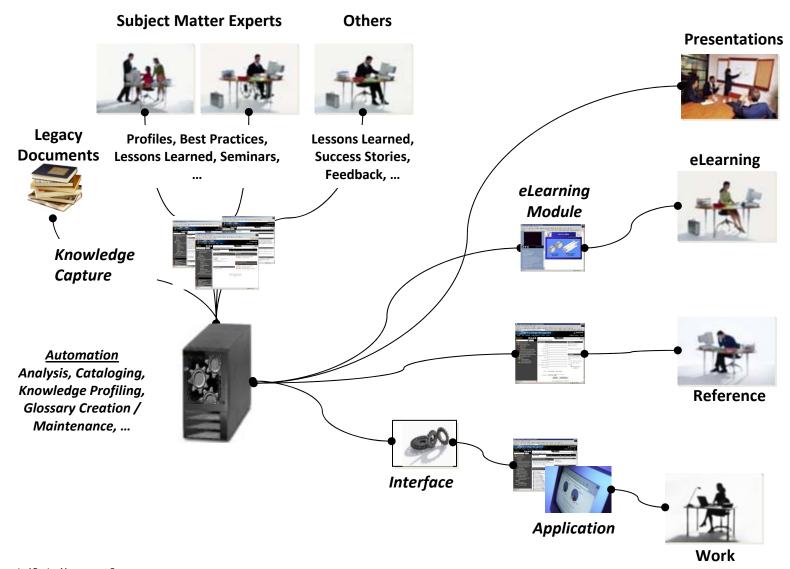


# In the future we will all be part of a large diverse network called Boeing





# The Future - Situationally Aware Knowledge Environment



## **Enabling Technology**

#### People to People

- Social networks
- Expertise locators
- Collaborative tools
- CoP portals

#### People to Process

- Knowledge discovery
- Smart work flows
- JIT content delivery
- No search search

#### People to Content

- Knowledge discovery
- Intelligent push (agents)
- Transparent search

# Practical Knowledge Management

- What You Can Do -

Common Sense Knowledge Management

From the days of cave drawings to modern tools, much of Knowledge Management is just plain common sense. I consider this blog part of a knowledge publishing system. The system consists of this blog, a wiki, a document repository. The goal of this blog is to incite discussions that result in new knowledge that will be documented in a wiki I have called "KM Book of Knowledge", a future guide to Boeing KM. Attached to the wiki will be a document repository. KM is not just my job, it is my passion. Join me as I explore the world of KM with its many tributaries.

AUGUST 25, 2008

#### YouTube, SlideShare, Wiki's, Blogs, and You

Many of us that use logs and wikis love to use YouTube and Slideshare to describe complex ideas in a very simple manner. But you need to be careful when you do this. Our good friends in Library Services, who look out of for us when it comes to copyright compliance, posted an item on their blog called <u>Video and Multimedia Content</u>. YouTube, SlideShare, etc. I would definitely read this. Another worth reading is the one on <u>deep linking</u>. Both will save you lots of grief down the line. To see how you can link to a video and open it inside a window of its own, and not use the embedded viewer, visit this <u>page</u> on my wiki. It demonstartees how to link directly to the YouTube video but opens it in its own window and does not use the embedded player. And remember, if in doubt, give our friends at Library Services a call.

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#### CoP Handbook is now available

This week Darcy MacPherson and myself completed the first edition of the "CoP Handbook". It is based on training material I have used throughout Boeing along with some new material. A PDF version is available at the new KM CoP SharePoint 2007 site.

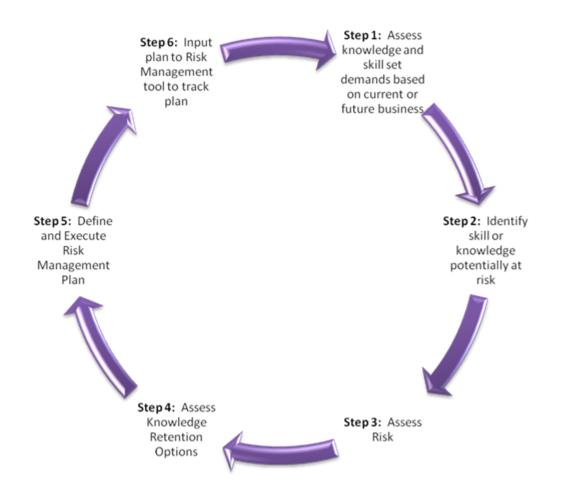
The same version, with additional material is located on mv wiki, the KM Book of

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# Identifying And Retaining At Risk Knowledge



### How is critical knowledge lost or put at risk?

- 1. An expert is overloaded, and cannot deal with all requests for his particular knowledge and expertise. In effect, his knowledge is lost to the problems triggering those requests.
- 2. The culture of the company does not encourage sharing of knowledge. Rewards are seen to be gained by keeping knowledge to oneself, maintaining the power that knowledge can confer.
- 3. A culture of blame is in existence which discourages individuals or groups developing their knowledge through experience of innovation and risk taking.
- 4. Knowledge is available but lies dormant waiting for a catalyst to release it. For example, a person might be working in one context, yet possess substantial knowledge that might be far more use in another context.
- 5. Knowledge is rejected because of the 'Not Invented Here' Syndrome. Good ideas might be crushed because of this, and the knowledge and potential development of knowledge can be lost to the organization because it is not communicated or used.
- 6. Knowledge may be lost to an organization through neglect. Neglect includes lack of challenge so that a person's knowledge, expertise and skills become forgotten, extinct or obsolete. It includes lack of provision for acquiring new knowledge and experience.
- 7. Knowledge may also be lost to the organization through retirement, redundancy, resignation or even through promotion. When a person is promoted, new responsibilities prevent the detailed application of knowledge in the original responsibilities.

	Location of at-risk skills or knowledge (individual, individuals, repository, etc.):					
Importance	Consequences of loss	Minor cost impact Minor reliability impact	12345678910	Major cost impact Major relatively impact		
בם	Breadth of problem	Localized Single	12345678910	Applicable across entire program Multiple sites		
2	Explanation of scores:					
5	Time to transfer or re- acquire knowledge	30 days or more	12345678910	Three years or more		
	Gradual vs. sudden loss	Gradual – next 5 yrs	12345678910	In less than 6 months		
(2000)	Explanation of scores:					
	Degree of loss expected	None or minor	12345678910	Complete		
	Recovery difficulty	None or minor	12345678910	Recovery not realistically feasible		
•	Rarity of skill or knowledge	Typical new hires possess the knowledge	12345678910	Only one person has knowledge		
	Cost to recover	None or minor	12345678910	Over one million		
:	Can mitigate need for skill or knowledge	Need can be designed out	12345678910	No way to avoid Need skill or knowledge		
	Explanation of scores:					
	Codification difficulty	Easy to document knowledge	12345678910	Extremely difficult document		
,	Tacit vs. Explicit	Can be learned or studied for	12345678910	Must be learned by doing		
- -	Shelf-life	Need not exercise to avoid loss	12345678910	Nature of skill is "use it or lose it"		



Managing the entire knowledge lifecycle and providing a workclass collaborative workplace

# Tools/Technology/Techniques to Transfer Knowledge

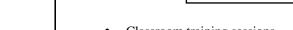
- Groupware
- Chat
- Discussion databases
- Video
- Audio
- Reports
- Knowledge Fairs
- Wiki and blog

- Brown Bags
- Chalkboard
- Communities of Practice
- Mentoring
- Processes
- Storytelling
- Storyboards
- Coaching

### Selecting Appropriate Methods to Deliver Knowledge

#### One-on-One, Person-to-Person

- Job Rotations (Rotate Novices)
- Job Rotations (Rotate Experts)
- Roving experts
- Apprenticing programs
- On-site experts as part of team (Pooling of expertise)
- Expert networks
- "Water Cooler" Discussions
- "Big brother" or Sponsor relationships
- Collaborative teams



- Classroom training sessions
- Classroom education sessions
- Video-based lectures
- Video-based interactive lectures



One-to-Many, Real-Time, Person-to-Person

#### Passive Repositories (Documents)

- - Procedures manuals
  - Text books
  - White papers
     Flyers on specific topics (job aides)
  - Specially designed videotaped programs





#### One-to-Many, Media-based, Personal

- Audio or Video training and education lectures
- Televised educational courses
- Correspondence Courses
- Educational courses over computer service networks
- Bulletin boards on network

#### **Active, Computer-Based Work Aids**

- Computer applications performing "No Brainers"
- Case based reasoning systems (CBR)
- Complex reasoning systems (KBS)
- Neural nets
- Virtual reality systems

#### Training and Education Program

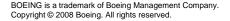
- Paper-based training manuals
- Conventional training programs
- Multimedia Computer-Based Training
- Interactive Multimedia Computer-Based Training with Feedback

#### Management, Infrastructure, Cultural, and Other Embedded Changes

- Policy changes
  - Incentives changesOrganization changes
  - Work practice changes
  - Systems and procedures changes
  - Product and service changes







# Things to Share

White Papers	Illustrations	Tutorials
Engineering notebook	Processes you use	Checklists
Process trees	Tip Sheets	Presentations
Acronym lists	Flowcharts	Policies & procedures
Stories	Notes	How-To's
Drawings/Diagrams	Tools (personal favorites)	Emails you kept
Product history	Contact lists	Training Guides
Job Aids/Cheat Sheets	Document trees	Photos
Paper training material	Lessons learned	"The Coca Cola Formula" – the how and why of the what and when

# Ways to share knowledge

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Videotape lessons learned / After     Action Reviews	- videotaping allows employees to review the information as often as they like, at their convenience. It allows allot of knowledge to be captured at one time.
2. Videotaped interviews	- subject matter experts can be interviewed or set up their own interview questions so that their insights may be captured for future use.
3. CBT (Computer Based Training)	- computer based training can be videos, PowerPoint presentations, or demonstrations that are distributed on CD's.
4. WBT (Web Based Training)	- web based training can be videos, PowerPoint presentations or any other material that are presented through a web interface.
5. Video Presentation	- the presenter is videotaped as they present their material for later use via the web or on a CD.
6. Videotaped class/seminar	- as the instructor is leading students through the class or seminar they are videotaped so the material can be reviewed at a later date.
7. Audio presentations	- digital audio recordings of presentations may be produced and distributed via the web or on a CD.
8. Presentations	- presentations can be created and distributed via the web or on a CD for later use. In addition, using PowerPoint "narration" mode allows you to capture your voice right in the presentation for playback later.

# Ways to share knowledge

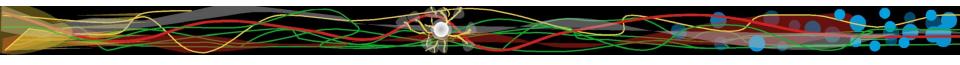
9. Videoconference	- videoconferencing has many of the same features as WebEx except it includes video. This can also be captured for display at a later date.
10. Self Study material	- many times there is material that does not require the student and instructor to be face to face and can be reviewed by the student as time allows. This can be reading material, presentations, or any of the other formats mentioned in this section.
11. Mentoring	- this is one on one training. This is many times the most effective but it is not always possible.
12. Software/Tool walkthrough, Demonstrations, and Simulations	- the most effective way for some people to learn is through the use of a tool or a walkthrough of the software. These sessions can be captured on video for review at a later date.

# Where to focus – Practically Speaking

- Accidental collisions the social side
- Embedding KM
  - Learning Management and KM
  - Process Based KM
  - KM on teams learn before, during, and after
- Secure Knowledge Management how to share knowledge in an ITAR/EAR world
- Knowledge Sharing Communities
- Distraction Management
- TRUST

# **Lessons Learned**

### **Leverage Existing Tools**

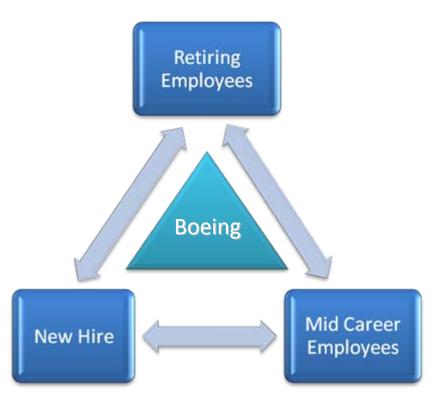


- Wiki
- Blog
- Instant Messenger
- Email
- Distribution Lists
- SharePoint
- Discussion Groups
- Listservs
- TeamCenter

Leveraging existing tools and tools that fit the way people work will result in a higher level of adoption and use.

#### **Include Everyone**





- Need to focus on all three elements of the workforce
- Focusing on only one or two of the elements would result in potential problems in the overlooked elements
  - Example: Working an initiative to capture retiring employees knowledge and designing ways for new hires to integrate more easily could result in mid career employees feeling left out and not cooperating with either effort.

### **Key Lessons**

- KM starts and ends with people no amount of technology can get people to share
  - 80-90% of what a corporation knows is in the heads of the employees
  - The vast majority of KM projects that started with technology failed
  - Technology is an enabler, not the final solution
  - Culture People Process Tools and Technology, and in that order
- Trust is the coin of the realm for knowledge sharing.
  - The more trust there is the deeper the knowledge shared
  - Experts do not share because of trust, not time issues
- Focus on all generations focusing on one to the exclusion of the others will lead to major problems
  - "Old age and treachery will always overcome youth and exuberance"
- Identify business strategies first, then supporting knowledge strategies, them KM activities
- Your KM metrics are your business metrics.

### **Key Lessons**

- Senior leadership buy-in is essential but that does not mean their cannot be grassroots efforts
- Engage "key" stakeholders when starting a project
- You get what you pay for zero budget, zero results
- "Resistance is futile you will be assimilated" only works for the Borg in Star Trek
  - Find the root cause and work the issues before you start deployment
    - Trust issues
    - Nobody cared before about what I knew
    - Leaving a legacy ?
- Start with small pilots that will be successful and then ramp up quickly
- Collect success stories and share them broadly success breeds success
- Leveraging existing tools and tools that fit the way people work will result in a higher level of adoption and use.
- Wisdom of the crowds is not as chaotic as it sounds ©

"The idea is not to create an encyclopedia of everything that everybody knows, but to keep track of people who 'know the recipe', and nurture the technology and culture that will get them talking."

Arian Ward, Hughes Space and Communications

"Knowledge is embodied in people gathered in communities and networks. The road to knowledge is via people, conversations, connections and relationships. Knowledge surfaces through dialog, all knowledge is socially mediated and access to knowledge is by connecting to people that know or know who to contact."

#### **Denham Grey**

"The illiterate of the twenty-first century will not be those who cannot read and write, but those who cannot learn, unlearn and relearn."

**Alvin Toffler** 

# **Boeing Today**

### Boeing KM Today

- Knowledge Centric
- Accidental collisions the social side
- KM on teams learn before, during, and after
- Embedding KM
  - Learning Management and KM
  - Process Based KM
  - Risk Management Strategy
- Web 2.0 integration
- Secure Knowledge Management
- Knowledge Sharing Communities
- Distraction Management
- Knowledge Flow Optimization

# Today

















Increasing Gap in Tacit Knowledge Base



### **Tomorrow**



"Knowledge Without Borders"



# "Knowledge Without Borders"

We are a borderless environment where knowledge is instantly leveraged for innovation, competitive advantage, sustainable performance, and enhanced productivity. This environment empowers an adaptable and agile workforce to rapidly respond to market drivers and anticipate customer needs.

